<u>ABSTRACT</u>

2	A rock cutter for splitting stones is disclosed which shows a support surface for holding
3	the rock and (a) a first blade and (b) a second blade which may be position to hold the rock
4	between the first and second blades and on the support surface along with a means for moving
5	the first blade towards the second blade. The means for moving comprises a hydraulicly driven
6	piston having a piston arm to which the first blade is mounted. The invention also includes shock
7	means for applying a sudden force to the first blade. The rock cutter also has a cover which is
8	used in conjunction with a means for receiving pieces at an angle after the split.